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DLNR ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSING SYSTEM

HONOLULU -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources is offering online commercial fisheries licensing services to the public, beginning on November 1, 2008.

Fishers who catch and land marine life in the state for commercial purposes, and businesses that commercialize regulated marine life (minimum size, closed season, female crustaceans, bag limit) in the state will be able to obtain new licenses, or renew their licenses online.

Fishers who harvest live marine life for aquarium activities (commercial or recreational) can also obtain permits online. The license fee is \$50 for all license types, except for a non-resident Commercial Marine License applicant, which is \$200. There is no fee for aquarium permits and the Aquaculture Dealer License. Commercial fishers who are not in compliance with the monthly fishing report requirement will not be able to renew any commercial fisheries license type.

"We are pleased to have successfully developed this online licensing system that will make it easier for commercial fishers to obtain or renew their license online," said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson. "This new online system is part of the state's continuing effort to provide more services on line in order to make it easier for the public to conduct business with the state, as well as to reduce costs and improve operational efficiency," she said.

The online system was developed in partnership with eHawaii.gov as the contract vendor and developer for the web portal service.

CMLS online website address is <https://dlnr.ehawaii.gov/cmls>.

The following commercial fisheries license types can be obtained online:

Individual license type

- Commercial Marine License
- Commercial Bait License
- Commercial Aquarium Permit (no fee)
- Recreational Aquarium Permit (no fee)

Business license type

- Special Marine Product Possession and Sale License
- Sale of Locally Caught Kona Crab and Lobster License
- Aquaculture Facility License (application only for new license)
- Aquaculture Dealer License (no fee)

Also, all fishers may use the online service to submit an application to register fishing vessels for bottomfishing in the main Hawaiian Islands.

For additional information about online licensing, contact the Division of Aquatic Resources in Honolulu at (808) 587-0103.

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